

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the above-referenced patent application. The Examiner has maintained his rejection under 35 USC 103 made in prior office actions.

The Examiner's rejections of these claims on these bases are traversed.

Although the above-referenced patent application has been assigned, the Examiner's remarks suggest that he may not fully appreciate the arguments made previously by Applicants and now maintained by the Assignee. For example, assuming, simply for the sake of legal argument, and not conceding, that the documents cited by the Examiner were capable of being combined, this combination would still fail to produce claim 1. For example, claim 1 specifically recites:

"...;

generating in real time a second deciphering round key based on said generated first deciphering round key while said incremental deciphering for a first round is being performed;

... .

None of the documents, whether considered individually or in combination, suggests or discloses this aspect of the recited claim. It is asserted that the Examiner has failed to show how the cited documents, whether considered individually or in combination, discloses or even suggests this aspect of claim 1.

Likewise, the Examiner's remarks imply that he may not fully appreciate Applicants' arguments regarding motivation or suggestion to combine, again adopted by Assignee. Coopersmith addresses block ciphers. However, Wright and Nakamura do not. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to make the asserted combination.

Thus, for at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw his rejection of claim 1. Furthermore, the remaining claims patentably distinguish from the cited documents for at least the same or similar reasons as described above. It is noted that the addition of Adler to the rejection does not cure the deficiencies noted above. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw his rejection of the remaining claims as well.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in the above-referenced patent application are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 439-6500. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges of any fees required for this submission to Deposit Account number 50-3703.

Respectfully submitted;

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